

**PATENT**

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**PETITION TO WITHDRAW A TERMINAL DISCLAIMER  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.182**

Mail Stop Petition  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

The Applicant petitions to withdraw a Terminal Disclaimer inadvertently filed. A first Terminal Disclaimer was properly filed and its filing overcame the relevant double patenting rejection. This Petition is to withdraw a second Terminal Disclaimer inadvertently filed.

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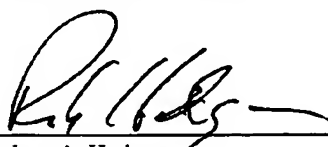
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1. The Examiner rejected claims 19-22 and 25-27 in the Office Action of September 8, 2006 on the ground of Nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-30 of U. S. Patent No. 6,730,836 ('836) in view of Larkins (U.S. Patent No. 6,232,535) (Exhibit 1). Such a rejection often occurs where a child application is rejected for nonobviousness-type double patenting in view of a parent.

2. Applicant overcame this rejection by properly submitting a Terminal Disclaimer of prior Patent No. 6,730,836 (Exhibit 2) with the Amendment filed January 8, 2007 (Exhibit 3). In the Amendment, Applicant stated "Applicant is herein submitting a Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c), which disclaims any term of a patent issuing from this application which would extend beyond the term of copending U.S. Patent No. 6,730,836 in view of Larkins (U.S. Patent No. 6,232,535)."

3. In addition to the proper Terminal Disclaimer of prior Patent No. 6,730,836, a Terminal Disclaimer to Patent No. 6,232,535 was submitted with the Amendment of January 8, 2007 (Exhibit 4). This Terminal Disclaimer was not referenced in the remarks of the Amendment of January 8, 2007 and was filed in error.

4. After learning that the second Terminal Disclaimer to Patent No. 6,232,535 was filed, the undersigned attorney contacted the Examiner in a similar case that has this issue and explained the inadvertent submission of the second Terminal Disclaimer to Patent No. 6,232,535. The Examiner stated that a Petition to Withdraw the Terminal Disclaimer to Patent No. 6,232,535 would need to be filed and confirmed that the single terminal disclaimer removed the double patenting rejection.

5. Nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting rejection of claims 19-22 and 25-27 was properly overcome by Applicant's submission of the Terminal Disclaimer of prior Patent

No. 6,730,836. The submission of the Terminal Disclaimer of prior Patent No. 6,232,535 is unnecessary to overcome this rejection.

6. Applicant accordingly hereby petitions the Office to withdraw the submitted Terminal Disclaimer of prior Patent No. 6,232,535.

7. Please charge the fee of \$130.00 for this Petition as set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(h) to Deposit Account No. 26-0084. No other fees or extensions of time are believed to be due in connection with this amendment; however, consider this a request for any extension inadvertently omitted, and charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 26-0084.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures: Exhibits 1, 2, 3 and 4

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